

Minutes - Board Meeting – 10/19/2011

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

PRESENT: Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney John M. Spellman
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero
Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

Press Observer: Rich Forestano, *Mineola American*
Rich Tedesco *Williston Times*
Geoffrey Walter, *Patch .com*

Sunshine Observers: 15 Observers
Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Work Session to order at 6:45 PM

Resolution No. 241-11

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Vote:
Yes **No** **Abstain**
Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham

Resolution No. 242-11

Resolved to approve the minutes from the meetings of the Board of Trustees of September 21, 2011, as amended.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

Vote:
Yes **No** **Abstain**
Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira*
Trustee George R. Durham

*Trustee Paul A. Pereira was not present for the entire meeting.

Resolution No 243-11

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Athletic Association for the use of the Community Center auditorium for its Soccer, Baseball and Softball practice and clinics on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM January 7, 2012 – April 15, 2012 and Monday and Tuesday from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM January 9, 2012 - April 10, 2012.

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Vote:
Yes **No** **Abstain**
Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham

Resolution No. 244-11

Resolved to approve a request by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the use of Mineola Memorial Park, Friday November 11, 2011 at 11:00 am to conduct the annual Veterans of Foreign Wars/American Legion Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Resolution No. 245-11

Resolved to approve the membership of the following candidates as recommended by the Mineola Fire Department:

Michael Scala	Company #1
Brian Albuquerque	Company #3
Rebecca Guy	Company #3
Jason Pereira	Company #3

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero presented the September 2011 Justice Court report.

Resolution No. 246-11

Resolved to authorize Change Order #2 to Village Hall and Mineola Fire Department Headquarters roof replacement project to include replacement of the roof at the Water Department office building at a cost of \$53,000.00 to be paid from the Water Fund, which has a sufficient fund balance for the project.

Contractor: Atlas Restoration
Engineers: Dvirka and Bartilucci Consulting Engineers

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:50 PM

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:12 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		

Trustee George R. Durham

Mayor Scott P. Strauss invited Mr. Tony Lubrano to give a presentation on the Chamber of Commerce "Taste and Style of Mineola" to be held at on Wednesday November 16, 2011 from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:15 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Public Meeting to order at 7:50 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney John M. Spellman
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Mayor Scott P. Strauss announced that he attended the Girls Scouts' award night on October 14, 2011 and congratulated the award recipients, their parents and troop leaders; stated that he met with Brother Tom of Chaminade High School and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Nagler, regarding a parking solution near Chaminade and the Jackson Avenue school and commented that they made some progress and will meet again. Mayor Strauss announced that he attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at The Black Sheep Ale House formally known as O'Donnell's and commented that it was nice to see businesses continue in Mineola. Mayor Strauss announced that Thursday October 20, 2011 Mineola Fire Department 1st Assistant Chief Jeffery Clark will be honored by the Town of Hempstead for his dedication and services to the community and congratulated him. Mayor Strauss reminded residents that Friday October 28, 2011 at 7:00 PM, Village of Mineola will be having their annual Halloween Party and encouraged everyone to bring their children and attend. Mayor Strauss announced that on October 29, 2011 the Mineola Fire Department will host a Halloween costume party at the Village Hall Community Center at 8:00 pm and commented that the proceeds will go to the Operation Wounded Warrior project to support veterans. Mayor Strauss reminded everyone of the "Taste and Style of Mineola" scheduled for November 16, 2011 and encouraged everyone to attend.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther attended the monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting and swore in Frank Cassano of the American Red Cross as their newest board member. Trustee Werther discussed a presentation by Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel regarding the "consolidation bill" and also her request that people contact her office with their opinion on "hydro-fracturing" as a means of mining natural gas. Trustee Werther advised residents that door-to-door solicitation without the Board's approval is prohibited and that if solicitors knock at their doors they should verify the person's identity and/or call the police. Trustee Werther further reminded residents that all village personnel carry ID and they should ask to see it if necessary.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato stated that he will be attending the awards ceremony on Thursday October 20, 2011 honoring 1st Assistant Chief Jeffery Clark and congratulated him.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira announced that he and Mayor Strauss attended the Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA) monthly meeting where Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel was the featured speaker and commented that her discussions included the The Citizens Empowerment Act a/k/a "consolidation bill" and the legislation concerning voting machines and the cost to villages to use the new optical scanning equipment. Trustee Pereira also congratulated Corpus Christi Church on its 110th Anniversary and its honoree Antonio Martins.

Trustee George R. Durham announced that the Mineola Athletic Association girls soccer team (The Mini Mustangs) attended a tournament in Pennsylvania and won the Keystone Fall Festival. Trustee Durham also congratulated Boy Scout Troop 45 on their 90th Anniversary and mentioned that they will be conducting door-to-door sales of holiday wreaths. Trustee Durham announced that Saturday October 15, 2011 was the Mineola High School Quarter Century Club event and commented that it was a good evening.

2 Speakers addressed the Board

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 7:55 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		

Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham